

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Fries, et al.

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Examiner: Binh Kien Tieu

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For: Computerized System and Method for Updating the Layout of a Telecommunications Network

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**AFFIDAVIT OF ELIZABETH STAFFORD FOR ABANDONED APPLICATION**

I, Elizabeth Stafford, being duly sworn, depose and say that:

1. I was the Senior IP docket clerk in the Patent Department for Patton Boggs LLP until August 20, 2008.
2. All incoming mail from the PTO received with regard to the above-identified application would have been forwarded to me from Zancorie Taylor-Smith, formerly a IP Docket and File Coordinator in the Patent Department at Patton Boggs LLP.
3. All entries were made by me in the electronic docketing system for each Office Action received and forwarded to me.
4. Following entry in the electronic docketing system for Office Actions, documents are placed in the corresponding file.
5. A diligent search of the file and our docket records for the above-referenced application was conducted. The search indicates that I never received the Office Action document mailed by the PTO for the above-identified application, nor was it ever entered into our electronic docketing system for action to be taken within the statutory period. I do not recall ever seeing the Office Action document.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; that all statements made herein on information and belief are to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application and any registration resulting therefrom.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Elizabeth Stafford  
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2008.

Angela S. Purcell  
Notary Public in and for  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

